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SUBJECT: CINCUNC CALLS MAC SECRETARIES MEETING FOR APRIL 10

- 1. ON MARCH 24 THE NORTH KOREAN DUTY OFFICER DELIVERED TO THE UNC DUTY OFFICER AT PANMUNJOM A LIST OF 8463 ALLEGED UNC VIOLATIONS OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE PURPORTEDLY TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST MAC SECRETARIES MEETING SOME SIX MONTHS AGO. BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED HIATUS SINCE THE LAST MAC SECRETARIES MEETING, CINCUNC CONTACTED THE NORTH KOREAN DUTY OFFICER AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 APRIL 8 TO REQUEST A MEETING OF THE MAC SECRETARIES AT 1100 APRIL 10.
- 2. THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO INQUIRE INTO THE DETAILS OF SOME OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, BUT THE ACTUAL PURPOSE WILL BE TO KEEP THE ARMISTICE MACHINERY FUNCTIONING. THE SIX MONTHS WHICH HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST SECRETARIES MEETING IS THE LONGEST SUCH PERIOD OF MAC INACTIVITY ON RECORD.
- 3. IF THE NORTH KOREANS FOLLOW THEIR PAST PATTERN, THEY WILL RESPOND BY CALLING FOR A MEETING ON APRIL 11 OR 12. SNEIDER

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